

Abstract

A user interface for controlling tasks relating to media or other searchable data objects simultaneously indicates a current search criteria set, results set, and task set. The task set indicates a subset of the results on which a currently selected task is to be performed. For example, a task could be recording music on a CD, recording video on a DVD, storing video on a tape, playing music, emailing a media file such as a video or musical recording, printing or erasing a file, etc. The search criteria, results, and task sets may be simultaneously displayed or a placeholder displayed that may be expanded upon activation of one of them. At all times, at least some indication of all three is shown.